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SUBJECT: JCIC-XXXIII: (U) UKRAINIAN CLOSING STATEMENT,  
NOVEMBER 21, 2008

Classified By: Jerry A. Taylor, United States Representative  
to the Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission.  
Reasons: 1.5(b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (U) This is JCIC-XXXIII-029.

[1](#)2. (U) At Paragraph 3 below is the official translation of  
the Ukrainian Statement that was delivered at the Closing  
Plenary Meeting of the Thirty-third Session of the START  
Treaty's Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission (JCIC),  
held at the U.S. Mission on November 21, 2008.

[1](#)3. (S) Begin text:

Official Translation

JCIC-XXXIII  
Non-paper of the  
Ukrainian Side  
November 21, 2008

STATEMENT  
by the Head of Delegation of Ukraine  
to the Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission  
at the Closing Plenary Meeting of JCIC-XXXIII

Esteemed Mr. Chairman,

Esteemed Representatives, Heads of Members of the  
Delegations of the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of  
Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, and the United States of  
America,

This session was marked by consideration of  
fundamentally new issues that affect the interests of all the  
Parties and of each Party individually.

In our view, the most critical issue was the discussion  
of the future of the Treaty after December 2009.

The actual fact that this issue was discussed at this session can be viewed in procedural terms, as fulfillment of paragraph 2 of Article XVII of the Treaty, which allows an agreed decision to be made at any time up until December 2009 on extending the Treaty or replacing it with a new Agreement.

In the Ukrainian side's view, extension of the Treaty for another five years is the most acceptable solution, which best takes into account the specific nature of the current situation.

If our Treaty partners take the path of working out a new Agreement to replace the current Treaty, it would be in Ukraine's interest to participate in the relevant negotiating process.

In this connection, the Ukrainian side retains the option of presenting arguments to its partners in defense of its right to be a full-fledged participant in the accords which will be conditioned on the progress of the discussion of this issue as of the end of 2009.

The issue tabled by the Ukrainian side on "Moving types of ICBMs that have been completely eliminated to date into the category of former type of ICBMs" was discussed for the first time at this session.

The possibility of moving a significant portion of "existing types of ICBMs" as of the date of signature into a different category, i.e., "former type of ICBMs," derives from the substance of the term "former type of ICBMs" in definition number 34 (11) of the Definitions Annex. Such a solution considerably simplifies the current Treaty and will be useful no matter what the decision regarding the Treaty's future.

The Ukrainian side anticipates that discussion of this issue will continue, which has been confirmed by all the Parties.

New concerns were added to those discussed at previous JCIC sessions, which demonstrates the Parties' subjective interpretation of certain Treaty provisions.

These signals are rather alarming since they can inject a certain negativity into the constructive results of our Commission's work over the past years.

However, the Ukrainian side hopes and believes that the spirit of cooperation and mutual understanding which has prevailed during all previous JCIC sessions will remain the constructive foundation that allows us to be optimistic about the prospects for our future joint work.

The Ukrainian Delegation expresses its appreciation to the interpreters and translators of the Russian and U.S. Delegations for assisting our Delegation and wishes all the participants in this session health, happiness and a good trip home.

Thank you for your attention.

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14. (U) Taylor sends.  
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